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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Melvin Leroy Deskin of Lockport, who passed away on March 23, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Deskin was born on May 21, 1937 in Pekin; his parents were Norlan Edgar Deskin and Mary Ethel Deskin; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Deskin was a graduate of Pekin High School and Western Illinois University; he also held a master's degree from Indiana State University; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Deskin began his career as a teacher in 1959 at Lockport Township High School, where he taught physical education and driver education; when Lockport West (now Romeoville High School) opened in 1963, he moved to the new school, where he worked until his retirement in 1994; he spent the last 15 years in retirement in Ft. Myers Beach, Florida, where he fished nearly every day of his retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Deskin is best remembered for his 45 years as a football coach at Lockport West/Romeoville High School, where he served as both Head Coach and Assistant Coach; he also served as an assistant for the Joliet Chargers, Joliet Junior College, the University of St. Francis, and Joliet Catholic

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2 WHEREAS, Melvin Deskin was preceded in death by his  
3 parents; his daughter, Dana Deskin Dolan; and his  
4 granddaughter, Molly Rose Dolan; and

5 WHEREAS, Melvin Deskin is survived by his wife, Rosalie  
6 Deskin; his sons, Darren (Diane) and Brent (Lisa); his sister,  
7 Ethel Kline; his son-in-law, Stephen Dolan, Sr.; his  
8 grandchildren, Amy Deskin Hop, Melanie Deskin, Derek (Jessica)  
9 Deskin, Erin (Steven) Russell, Meghan Dolan, Ginny (Nicholas)  
10 Perry, Stephen Dolan, Jr., Delanie Dolan, Tara Deskin, Chase  
11 Deskin, and Taylor Deskin; and his great-grandchildren,  
12 Juliette Hop, Keith Hop, Allison Foreman, and Haddie Russell;  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
16 family and friends, mourn the passing of Melvin Leroy Deskin;  
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Melvin Deskin as an expression of  
20 our sympathy.